

WELCOME TO ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR FIRST HOLY COMMICANTS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
Social Justice Sunday
30th August 2026

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
Catholic Diocese of Bunbury
Bunbury, Western Australia

First Holy Communion:
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



“WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA.”

OUR PARISH MISSION

Our Mission is to continue growing as a community where people can meet Jesus Christ and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith.

OUR PARISH VISION

To be a parish that is open and transparent, nurturing, united and inclusive.
To be a community that is welcoming, embracing and caring for families, youth, and valuing cultural diversity.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

“Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.”

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Rocco Versace and Reetha Thomas.

Eternal Repose of the Soul of: Peter Finlayson - May his soul rest in peace.

General Intentions: Let us pray for peace in our world. Let us pray for the homeless, the underprivileged, those suffering in silence due to domestic violence, for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and seasonal workers.

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for our young people who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Let us pray for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates.

Prayer Requests: Val Nanut, Lynette Amonini, Fr Roy Pereira, Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato and Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Freya Dealino, Wade Godsell and Adrian Seale.

Diocese: Let us pray that the fruits of the Diocesan General Assembly be well-received by parish communities across the Diocese of Bunbury.

We invite you to request prayers from our parish community for any of your family members, relations and friends and we will include them on our prayer list. Their consent, however, is required for publication.



“YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD!”

The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God’s enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God’s love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody’s butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, ‘I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.’
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17.18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!



Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.



A Stark Contrast

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Jesus Casting Away Satan by Carl Bloch, 1870

“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Matthew 16:23

This scene likely unfolds in or near Caesarea Philippi, a Gentile region steeped in pagan worship. There, at the mouth of a cave long associated with the entrance to the netherworld—believed by some pagans to be the very gate of Hades—Jesus had just questioned His disciples: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” and then more directly, “But who do you say that I am?” (cf. Matthew 16:13–15). Peter, speaking with conviction on behalf of the Twelve, boldly proclaimed, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). Jesus responded by declaring him “Peter,” the rock upon which He would build His Church, promising that “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Just moments later, Jesus issues one of the strongest rebukes recorded in the Gospels: “Get behind me, Satan!” The same Peter who had just spoken divine truth now speaks human fear and shortsightedness. In trying to dissuade Jesus from His suffering and death, Peter unknowingly opposes the very mission of the Messiah. Jesus calls this mindset not merely a mistake, but a diabolical temptation—echoing the same temptation He faced in the desert, when Satan sought to lure Him away from the Cross with promises of worldly glory.

What a stark contrast. Peter goes from being the rock of faith to an obstacle in the Lord’s path. But why was Jesus so severe in His response?

Because the stakes were eternal. The Cross is not optional. It is the means of salvation—not just for Jesus, but for all who would follow Him. To think otherwise, even with good intention, is to prefer human comfort over divine wisdom. Peter’s protest reflects a natural aversion to suffering, but Jesus exposes it for what it truly is: a stumbling block to the will of the Father.

This dramatic Gospel scene is recorded for a reason. By calling Peter “Satan,” Jesus wanted to warn him—and us—of the real and ever-present danger of rejecting the way of the Cross. Like Peter, we can easily fall into the trap of wishful thinking and misguided compassion by saying about ourselves or those close to us, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen...” We are saying, in essence: “Lord, please make sure that neither I nor anyone I love ever has to suffer!” But such a prayer, though well-meaning, is clearly mistaken, and Jesus wants that point to be clearly understood.

Peter was troubled because “Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” But all that Jesus revealed about His suffering was good—very good. Though His suffering was inflicted by the sins of others, His free and loving embrace of that suffering was the greatest act of love the world has ever known. Peter was blinded to this truth. He could not yet see beyond the horror of suffering to the divine good that would come through Jesus’ sacrificial embrace of it.

Reflect today on Peter’s and Jesus’ words: “God forbid, Lord!” and “Get behind me, Satan!” In this exchange, Jesus is also speaking to each of us, saying, “Never run from the Cross!” We must never flee from a selfless and sacrificial embrace of suffering, even when that suffering is unjust. God can and will transform all freely embraced suffering into a means of His eternal glory and our sanctification. With our Lord, reject the evil one’s false empathy. Reject the lie that suffering is meaningless. Choose instead to lay down your life in love with Christ, and in doing so, you will rise with Him, victorious over every sin and diabolical lie, overcoming even the sufferings of this life through your free and faithful embrace.

My compassionate Lord, Your firm rebuke of Peter was direct, powerful, and loving. Rather than offering false comfort or misleading empathy, You spoke a hard truth to awaken Peter—and all of us—to the spiritual necessity of the Cross. Grant me the grace, dear Lord, to say “Yes” to the suffering I must face. May I embrace it not with fear or resistance, but with a heart filled with Your love and unwavering courage. Jesus, I trust in You.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



ST. FRANCIS, PRAY FOR US.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Called to live our faith through justice, compassion, and truth, we bring our prayers before God, as we pray:

1. We pray for the Church, Pope Leo and Bishop George: may we have the courage to speak truth, like Jeremiah, and be a faithful voice for justice. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for leaders of nations and communities: may their authority be exercised with integrity and responsibility, especially for the vulnerable and marginalised. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those who are displaced or forgotten: may all who experience poverty and exclusion find support. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those called to speak truth in their work for justice: may they be strengthened and sustained in hope. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for our community: may we recognise where we are called to act and respond with generosity, committed to the common good. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones: may their trust in God be deepened. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of justice and mercy, you call us to live in truth and love. Hear these prayers and guide us in your way, through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

*Note: Please find someone else to replace you if you are unable to do your roster.
Please notify the Parish Office of the change. Thank you.*

THIS WEEKEND 29 th & 30 th August	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	Alfred L	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y Robin W	Verna H	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Pat G	Greg D	SMCPS Volunteer	Terri P
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Pat G	Daria S	SMCPS Volunteer	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Margaret C <i>EMHC Needed</i> Cheryl N <i>EMHC Needed</i>	Helen B, Sophie L Marilou C, Nilda C Norrie P, Liz L	Pauline H Gobi M
Children's Liturgy			<i>CANCELLED</i>	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Caleb S, Elijah D, Leonce L	
Music	Sim R	Craig F	Craig F	Youth for Christ
Morning Tea			Cathy R	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	David M	Readers	Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 5 th & 6 th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I Ryan M	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y <i>Greeter Needed</i>	Wally C	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Charlotte S	Presentation Sisters Representative	Gobi M
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Sr Christine	Presentation Sisters Representative	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, Lesley S Robin W, David N	Elaine T, Helen B Sophie L, Rosina I	Stephen H Terri P
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W Virge R	
Altar Servers			Abel R, Abigail R, Matthew G, Caleb S, Godwin J, Gabriel R, Sophia R, Shelby C, Dean S, Lion & Tiger, Evan B	
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Choir	<i>Music Needed</i>
Morning Tea			Syro Malabar & Indian Community	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	Readers	Volunteer

CLEANERS	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Toilets	A Parishioner	A Parishioner	Julie K	Jan G	Shirley D
Cathedral	Group 1: 1 st week, Fri 5pm Leaders: Bruddie P./Jhoemarie B.		Group 2: 3 rd week, Thu 6pm Leaders: John J./Veronica O.		Thank you!



SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We hold zero-tolerance to all forms of abuse to ensure the safety and protection of children and vulnerable people. Grounded in our faith, we are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, legal and ethical standards in creating a community where harm is neither ignored nor tolerated.

The Eucharistic sacrifice “is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life....”

Lumen gentium 11

31 August Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
1 September Tuesday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10:30am: Healing Mass (Cancelled) 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
2 September Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:45pm: RCIC (Class Meeting 5), Parish Hall 5pm: PPC Executive Meeting
3 September Thursday St Gregory the Great	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7am: Father's Day Breakfast, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Yr 6 Class Visit, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027 – Combined AGAPE
4 September Friday SPRING EMBER DAY (Special Day of Prayer and Penance)	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Mass, Regis Forrest Gardens 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap'
5 September Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary & St Teresa of Calcutta	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
6 September Sunday 23 rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 12nn: Filipino Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

*“Each of you must give as you have made up
your Mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS COLLECTIONS
23rd August 2026 – Week 8

First Collection: \$ 2,840.25
Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,293.95



LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY. You are all welcome to join the weekly praying of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards. All welcome to attend. For more information contact Rosemary 0402 459 678.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 9pm.

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM. We pray for Freya Stella Reay and Siofra Mary Quille who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. We warmly congratulate all the children who received their **First Holy Communion** last Sunday, 23 August, through the After Sacramental Support Program (ASSP) and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

This Sunday, 30 August, 10am Mass: We congratulate the children from **St Mary's Catholic Primary School** who are receiving their First Holy Communion today.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated **ASSP Catechist, Ralou Millan**, for generously sharing her time, commitment, and effort in preparing our candidates. Ralou's dedication and support

have contributed greatly to making this year's program a wonderful success. We likewise congratulate our children's families for walking with them in their sacramental life.

RITE OF INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. We warmly invite our Parish community to pray for and support our RCIC candidates as they prepare to take this important step in their journey of faith at their **Rite of Initiation on Sunday, 30 August, during the 6:00pm Mass.** Please continue to keep our young people in your prayers as they journey towards and prepare to receive the **Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in October.**

HEALING MASS – SEPTEMBER. Please note that the Healing Mass scheduled for the 1st of September has been cancelled. Our Cathedral Priests will be joining the Mass celebrated by Emeritus Bishop Gerard Holohan who will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Episcopacy on this day.



NEXT SUNDAY: SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR THE PRESENTATION SISTERS – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER – 10AM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. This year marks 250 years since the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary were founded in Cork, Ireland, by Venerable Nano Nagle. There have been special celebrations around the world wherever the Presentation Sisters have ministered. On Sunday 6 September Bishop George will celebrate Mass at 10 am in the cathedral

to mark the presence and ministry of the Presentation Sisters in the diocese, since 1902. Please come along and celebrate this occasion.

DIOCESAN NEWS

NEXT WEEKEND: PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION “FATHER’S DAY” APPEAL - “For the care of our *Spiritual Fathers*.” The Priests’ Welfare Foundation Annual Appeal will be held across the diocese next weekend to coincide with Father’s Day. Please remember the Foundation’s motto – ***For the care of our spiritual Fathers*** – when making your consideration. All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. Brochures and envelopes will be provided in the pews next week.

48 HOUR PERPETUAL ROSARY BOUQUET: In September we’ll come together in prayer in preparation for Our Lady’s birthday gift. The 48 HOURS will commence on Saturday 5th September at 6pm concluding Monday 7th September at 6pm with the Rosary being said continuously throughout the State during these hours. All are invited to take part in this event for Our Lady. Please see the notice board for more information.

SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP. Our annual St Phoebe’s Day reflection and discussion will be held on Thursday 3rd September at the Spirituality Hub Kirup, See flyer for details or contact Deborah 0419939864. Zoom participation possible.

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026. Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, a national online event on 3–4 September 2026.



The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Parishioners can register individually for \$20. Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. **Applications close October 31st, 2026.** Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

CATHEDRAL BELL RINGING. On Saturday 12th Sept. 10am -12nn. Visiting Bell Ringers will be ringing our Cathedral Bells. Parishioners are welcome to enjoy the sounds of our bells from these talented ringers.



A moment to believe. Join up and be part of the journey to Eucharist28.
Cf.: <https://eucharist28.org/>

AT YOUR SERVICE



Our **ST. PATRICK'S CARE** is now operational after last Sunday's Commissioning of our Care Coordinators and Volunteers. During his homily reflection on Christ's query, "Who do you think the Son of Man is?," Fr Pierre highlighted the qualities of St. John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah in relation to the perfect qualities of Christ.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST: the **humility** of St. John the Baptist. He did say, "Christ must increase, I must decrease." St. Patrick's Care Volunteers are called to increase the presence of Christ in them by decreasing (sacrificing) time for themselves and instead offer it to members of our community who are needing emergency help.

ELIJAH: the **courage** of Elijah was demonstrated when he challenged King Ahab, the King of Israel, and his four hundred and fifty prophets, to determine whose is real – the God of Elijah or the god of the King Ahab. Both camps must offer sacrifice on Mount Carmel and invoke their God/their god to send fire upon the gift offerings. None came from King Ahab's prophets, and the people witnessed how the God of Elijah sent fire and consumed their offering. St. Patrick's Volunteers are called upon to have courage in proving help to parishioners. We need courage to be able to do whatever is the moral thing to do even in the face of opposition or challenge.

JEREMIAH. Scriptures attest to Jeremiah's **compassion**. Jeremian wept over the coming destruction and suffering of his own people. For decades he was warning of the sins of the people but he was ignored. Through St. Patrick's Care, we commit to suffer with community members. It is not a case of I am better or well off when we help. It is a matter of acknowledging that sometimes people suffer, and we all suffer, and there comes a time when we need help from others.

It is profoundly meaningful that our St. Patrick's Care Volunteers are pictured with St. Mary of MacKillop in the background. We recall her words: "Never see a need without doing something about it." St. Mary saw and put her faith in action. As St. Patrick's Care Volunteers, we certainly see the need of our parishioners who are in seeking help. We should not hesitate to act as the very words of Christ tell us:

**“...for I was hungry and you have me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me”
(Mt. 25:35f)**

Please call 08 97212141 for emergency assistance.

St. Patrick's Care brochures are available in the Cathedral cloister.

St. Patrick's Care offers the following emergency help: home visitation, emergency meals, lawn mowing, transportation and grief accompaniment.



OUR ST. PATRICK'S CARE TEAM MINISTRY
Over-all Coordinator: Seminarian Chris De Freitas

Care Coordinators/Volunteers

Home Visitation: Grace M (Coordinator) and Cathy R (coordinator), Elly G, Pauline H, David M, Patricia H, Ruth D, Mary H, Peta T, Gabrielle R; Emergency Meals: Jhoemarie B (Coordinator), Bruddie P (Coordinator), Paul H, Tricia T, Patricia H, Gabrielle R; Lawn Mowing: Churchill A (Coordinator); Transportation: Peter C (Coordinator), Patricia H, Mary H; Grief accompaniment: Pat G (Coordinator), Pauline H, Elly G, Lachie G, Patricia H, Ruth D, Mary H.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER AND HELP A COMMUNITY MEMBER IN NEED. PLEASE CALL 08 97212141 AND SPEAK WITH SEMINARIAN CHRIS DE FREITAS.

**NEXT SATURDAY: FREE HOT LUNCHES FOR THOSE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:
now every Saturday**



In 2004, **St. Pat's Outreach** began serving free lunches to those who are experiencing homelessness every 1st Saturday of the month. In 2005, it began to serve free lunches every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. On its third year, the Parish Outreach will now be serving free lunches **every Saturday** from 10.30am – 12.30am, starting next month, September 5.

Our parish continues to commit to Christ's call: "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35-36).

As St. Pat's Outreach grows, we also need to grow our volunteer roster. You can assist by either cooking meals, providing street outreach, or by offering hospitality during the actual Saturday of serving free lunches. **A big thank you to all those who have already responded.**

Meals served are cooked by volunteers at their own homes. Recipe and ingredients are supplied by St. Pat's Outreach.

Volunteers are out on the streets on a regular basis to handout care packs and to check on those who are experiencing homeless.

IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

MONETARY DONATION IS WELCOME BY USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:
**BSB: 086 006, Account #: 155314936, Account Name: Roman Catholic Bishop
– Bunbury Parish, Narration: OUTREACH**

DONATIONS for the **Care Packs** (toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorants, soaps, etc.) can be placed in the St. Pat's Outreach basket in the Cathedral cloister.

For more information, please contact Anne and Ryan Mallaby 0455 570 623.

THANK YOU!



**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

Over the next few weeks I will be taking some time away on annual leave, followed by our annual Diocesan Priests' Retreat.

The Church asks that priests make a retreat each year, and I am grateful for the opportunity to step away and spend some intentional quiet time with the Lord.

Although retreat is a particular responsibility for priests, the need to rest with the Lord is something that belongs to all of us. Our lives can become very busy, with work, family, responsibilities, and the many demands that fill our days. Sometimes we can be so occupied that we leave very little space simply to be with God.

Jesus Himself invited His disciples to step away from their work and rest for a while. Silence can sometimes feel uncomfortable, but when we allow ourselves to become quiet, we create space to listen. We remember that our relationship with God is not simply about what we do for Him. He also desires that we spend time with Him.

I pray that these weeks will be a time of rest and renewal for me, and perhaps they might also encourage each of us to find some quiet time to rest in the presence of the Lord.

God bless us.



First Holy Communion is one of the most beautiful milestones in the faith journey of a child. It is a day filled with joy, excitement, and gratitude as children receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. For these children, receiving Holy Communion is more than simply participating in a special ceremony. It is a personal encounter with Jesus, who comes to them with love and gives Himself as spiritual food. In the Eucharist, Jesus reminds us of His promise: *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger."* (John 6:35)

May these children continue to attend Sunday Mass and receive Jesus with reverence, joy, and an open heart. Parents and families have an important role in helping children grow in faith. The example of parents who pray, attend Mass, forgive, serve, and love others teaches children that faith is not only something we celebrate but something we live every day.

May the Eucharist strengthen them, guide them, and help them become kind, loving, generous, and faithful followers of Christ. May their First Holy Communion be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, who remains with us in the Eucharist.





STEPS OF *LECTIO DIVINA*

1. **Prepare (Silencio):** Take a few moments to quiet yourself, get in a comfortable position, and become aware of God's presence.
2. **Read (Lectio):** Read the Scripture passage slowly, out loud if possible. Listen for a nudge: What words or images is the Spirit drawing you toward today?
3. **Meditate (Meditatio):** Re-read the Scripture passage, lingering over the person/word/phrase that captured your attention. Let your imagination engage the story/text. Reflect on how it might intersect with your life today.
4. **Pray (Oratio):** Read through the Scripture passage another time, allowing the Scripture to lead you into a prayer/response to God. Talk to God about what has come to mind, and how He might be inviting you to respond.
5. **Contemplate (Contemplatio):** Rest in the awareness of God's presence, remaining open to anything else the Holy Spirit might stir in your heart. If your mind wanders, gently redirect your thoughts toward God. Simply be still. Expect nothing. Enjoy a moment of fellowship with God that goes deeper than words. God loves you.

31 August Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22	1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 118:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
1 September Tuesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION	1 Cor 2:10-16 Ps 144:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
2 September Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22	1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 32:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44
3 September Thursday	St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor	1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 5:1-11
4 September Friday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 SPRING EMBER DAY (Special Day of Prayer and Penance)	1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 36:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39
5 September Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary St Teresa of Calcutta	1 Cor 4:6-15 Ps 144:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
6 September Sunday	23 rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	Ezek 33:7-9 Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

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In December 1775 Nano (Honoraria) Nagle, with three companions, began their novitiate for religious life, and received the habit in June 1776. Nano Nagle took the name of Mother Mary of **St. John of God**. They made their first vows on 24 June 1777. The new group took as their title "Sisters of the Sacred Heart", which was changed in 1791 to that of "Presentation Sisters". A set of rules, adapted from that of St Augustine, was drawn up by Bishop Moylan, and approved by the Pope in 1791. This congregation of teaching sisters was raised to the status of a religious Order by Pope Pius VII in 1800.

Communities soon began in other places: Killarney (1793); Dublin (1794); and Waterford (1798). A second convent began in Cork (1799), and then at Kilkenny (1800). The schools had for their first object the Catholic and moral training of the young, and to ensure a sound English education. They also offered domestic economy, Latin, Irish, French, and German, and work-rooms were established at various places, where Limerick lace, Irish points and crochet were taught.

The first overseas foundation was Newfoundland in 1829, and San Francisco in 1854. In 1833, the first house was founded in Manchester in England, and then India at Madras in 1841, and Rawalpindi in 1891.

The **first Australian foundation** was in **1866** when sisters left Fermoy for **Hobart Town, Tasmania**. St Kilda, Melbourne, received sisters from Kildare in 1873, and Wagga Wagga a year later. From these two houses numerous others branched forth to all parts of Australia. Sisters came to Geraldton WA in 1891 and Southern Cross/Collie (1900/02).



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HEARING AID LOOP The Cathedral has an active hearing aid loop. You may need to contact your hearing aid supplier to have your hearing aid adjusted to hear through the sound system in the Cathedral. The hearing aid loop operates within the first 8/9 pews and has very good range across the Cathedral. Sit in these pews to get the best reception.



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St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Noongar Wardandi people and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am; **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month
Syro-Malabar Mass: 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month
Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month
St John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday
Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	AOV2 020	AOV1 081	AOV1 114	AOV1 126	AOV1 158
8am Sunday	AOV2 003	AOV 1 074	AOV1 114	AOV1 158	AOV1 176
10am Sunday	AOV2 003	AOV1 115	AOV1 081	-	AOV1 158
6pm Sunday	AOV2 003	AOV1 115	AOV1 114	AOV1 166	AOV1 176
SJOGH	AOV1 071	AOV1 031	AOV1 026	AOV2 126	AOV1 182